

IN THE CLAIMS:

1–14 Canceled.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for booking domain names, comprising:

in response to receiving at least one domain name from a customer, determining whether the domain name is available;

if the domain name is available, presenting an option to book the domain name to the customer, the option to book the domain name including an option to reserve the domain name and an option to register the domain name;

in response to receiving a domain name reservation request from the customer, prompting the customer for a username and a password;

in response to receiving the username and the password from the customer, presenting a domain name reservation form to the customer;

in response to receiving a completed domain name reservation form from the customer, presenting a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer;

in response to receiving payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer, reserving the domain name.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the domain name reservation form includes account holder information, contact information and account password information.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

in response to receiving a domain name registration request from the customer, prompting the customer for an NIC handle,

in response to receiving the NIC handle from the customer, presenting a domain name registration agreement template to the customer;

in response to receiving a completed domain name registration agreement from the customer, presenting a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer;

in response to receiving payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer, sending a first electronic mail message, including the completed domain name registration agreement, to the customer; and

in response to receiving a second electronic mail message, including a verified domain name registration agreement, from the customer, registering the domain name.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the domain name registration agreement template includes registrant information, administrative contact information, technical contact information and billing contact information.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the completed domain name registration agreement includes a customer electronic mail address and name server information.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

in response to receiving the domain name from the customer, determining at least one alternative domain name based on the domain name;

presenting the alternative domain name to the customer; and

receiving the alternative domain name from the customer for booking.

26. (Previously Presented) A system for booking domain names over a network, comprising:

at least one load balancing server, coupled to the network, adaptively configured to:

receive a booking request, including at least one domain name, from a customer;

a plurality of registration servers, coupled to the network, the load balancing server and a registration database, each of the plurality of registration servers adaptively configured to:

receive the booking request forwarded from the load balancing server,

determine whether the domain name is available,

if so determined, present an option to book the domain name to the customer, the option to book the domain name including an option to reserve the domain name and an option to register the domain name, and

receive a domain name reservation request from the customer; and

a plurality of reservation servers, coupled to the network, the load balancing server and a reservation database, each of the plurality of reservation servers adaptively configured to:

receive the domain name reservation request forwarded from one of the plurality of registration servers,

prompt the customer for a username and a password,

present a domain name reservation form to the customer in response to receipt of the username and the password from the customer,

present a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer in response to receipt of a completed domain name reservation form from the customer, and

reserve the domain name in response to receipt of payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the domain name reservation form includes account holder information, contact information and account password information.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the each of the plurality of registration servers is further adapted to:

prompt the customer for an NIC handle in response to receipt of a domain name registration request from the customer;

present a domain name registration agreement template to the customer in response to receipt of the NIC handle from the customer;

present a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer in response to receipt of a completed domain name registration agreement from the customer;

send a first electronic mail message, including the completed domain name registration agreement, to the customer in response to receipt of payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer; and

register the domain name in response to receipt of a second electronic mail message, including a verified domain name registration agreement, from the customer.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the domain name registration agreement template includes registrant information, administrative contact information, technical contact information and billing contact information.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the completed domain name registration agreement includes a customer electronic mail address and name server information.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)